

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, September 17, 2008

PLACE: Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT:	Mayor John Dennis	John Cox	Chris Leroux
	Dave Buck	David Downey	Kumares Sinha
	Vicki Burch	Carrie Ehresman	Boudewijn van Gelder
	David Christian	Bernadette Farris	

VISITORS:	Beth Cook	Ann Hunt	Karen O'Farrell
	Wendy Field	Rocky Killion	Paul Roales
	Jeffrey Haw	Jim Knapp	Steve Simmerman

Chairman Sinha called the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Mr. van Gelder requested three spelling corrections be made to the June minutes; "Bexely" corrected to "Bexley" and "it's" corrected to "its". Mr. Downey made a motion to approve the June minutes as corrected, Mrs. Farris seconded and the June minutes were approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS:

08-06 Proposed Changes to City Code Sections 41.09 and 41.10

Chairman Sinha stated that the commission has submitted recommendations to the city council which they will consider at their October meeting. It is the council that will ultimately decide if any changes should be made to the commission. Visitor Paul Roales stated that he would like to see more Purdue students represented on the commission. Chairman Sinha stated that historically, it has been difficult to find and keep student representation on the commission. District 1 is typically represented by a Purdue student. Chairman Sinha stated that the commission has recommended that two at-large representatives be added to the commission. The commission also recommended a second West Lafayette business person be added, a Purdue Police designee, and a Tippecanoe School Corporation representative. Mayor Dennis stated that his appointments will comply with the parameters established, and he will select the most qualified representatives.

08-14 Neighborhood Parking Permit Program – 405, 409 & 425 Littleton Street – Zone 1

As discussed at the August meeting, 405, 409 and 425 Littleton Street have made a request to be added into Zone 1 of the NPP program. The rest of Littleton Street is already in Zone 1. Mr. Leroux made a motion that 405, 409 and 425 Littleton Street be added to Zone 1, Mr. Christian seconded and the motion passed.

08-15 Neighborhood Parking Permit Program – Renewal Changes

Mr. Buck stated that Judge Sabol has made a request to change the expiration date of the NPP parking permits. Currently, the program runs from September 1st to August 31st. There are complaints that

permit dates do not coincide with tenant lease agreement dates. Mr. Buck recommended an August 31st expiration date with new permits being issued beginning August 1st. The month of August will become an "overlap" month. Mr. Buck made a motion to begin issuing permits on August 1st, Ms. Burch seconded and the motion passed.

07-06 Allen Street Loading Zone

Mr. Buck stated he has received a request to change the loading zone in front of 608 Allen Street to 2-hour parking and add it into Zone 2 of the NPP program. The owner has one parking space in the Follett's lot. He has two vehicles and would like to park one in the Follett's lot and one on the street in front of his house. This request was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

08-16 Mackey Arena Expansion, Traffic Issues on Northwestern Avenue

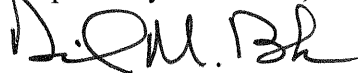
Jeffrey Haw, of Shrewsberry & Associates, presented a design for traffic changes to Northwestern Avenue (US 231) in conjunction with the expansion of Mackey Arena. There are six "work zones" along Northwestern, with construction expected to begin in March 2009 and end in August 2009. Work Zones 1 and 2 are existing approaches onto Northwestern which will be closed and replaced with curbing. Work Zone 3 adds a new approach south of Bexley into the F Lot. Work Zones 4 and 5 are existing approaches which will be closed and replaced with curbing. Work Zone 6, the section of Northwestern in front of Mackey, will encompass the bulk of the work. In Work Zone 6, existing approaches will be removed and replaced with one pull in/pull out lane, and one off-ramp into a row of angled parking on the south side of Mackey.

The approach into the F Lot is the only full-service approach and it has been located just south of Bexley to minimize headlights at the houses opposite the approach. Mr. Leroux asked Purdue had considered aligning the approach with Bexley. Mr. Haw stated that yes, that was the original design, but the residents of Hills & Dales requested the approach be shifted away from Bexley. In addition to the changes in the approaches, three sets of crosswalks are being added to Northwestern. These will be at Chelsea, Meridian and Dodge. Currently there are no marked crosswalks in this area on Northwestern (US 231).

Mr. Buck reminded the commission that Northwestern (US 231) is under the jurisdiction of INDOT. Mr. Haw stated that Shrewsberry and Purdue have had discussions with INDOT and the design presented was decided to be the best. Chairman Sinha and John Cox suggested that INDOT consider lowering the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph at Cherry Lane, especially since they will be adding marked pedestrian crosswalks.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Buck, P.E.
City Engineer

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